



Hai Péter Pham

Hungary, Class of 2019

finished his journey at Babson College in 2019 and currently works at a software development vendor company in Boston as an analyst.

His career started the moment he found out he was the 2015 Kronospan Scholar. “It was a surreal experience, definitely one of the proudest moments of my life so far.”

The scholarship offered by the Kronospan Foundation inspired Peter to keep following the foundation’s initiatives and help people get a step closer to their potential. He is also passionate about making the most of the latest scientific and technology innovations in business and nonprofits organizations.

His Babson College journey was simply life changing. Peter moved from Hungary to another continent and into a very competitive environment, where he found people who share many of his principles and who pushed him to be the best version of himself. “This scholarship changed pretty much everything for me. The internships, mentorship from Kronospan employees, and hands-on learning at Babson have shaped me into a well-rounded problem solver”.

Kronospan Foundation partnered up with Babson College because they shape the leaders of tomorrow – the people who can understand global perspectives and motivate teams with a common purpose. The mission of Babson College reflects the Foundation’s mission, “to educate leaders who create great economic and social value everywhere”.

Peter describes his time at Babson College as “a humbling and at the same time motivating experience” because he was surrounded by incredibly talented students from all around the world and by leaders who have had great successes in their careers. One of the highlights of his time spent at the university is condensed into the lessons he received from his professors. “One of my professors talked in detail about his career in private equity. He helped me understand the importance of people in the organization I’m operating in, that treating them kindly and with respect directly correlated to a professional success.”

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As well as the valuable experience he gained at Babson College, Peter also interned at Kronospan offices in different countries where he had the chance to see how a market-leading organization with over 100 years' experience operates and sustains a successful business. "I sat next to workers in the factory and also next to directors in the boardroom. I saw sales, marketing, finance, operations, accounting in many different countries. I especially enjoyed talking to people all over the organization, who told me about their recipes for their success. Seeing how a 'winning' company operates around the world has shown me the standards I aspire to achieve wherever I work."

The Foundation's belief is that education is a key pillar in a healthy society. Peter, who as well as being a Babson scholar is also a follower of the Kronospan Foundation's initiative to make an impact in his community, understands that "private entities play a bigger role than ever in shaping the future of society in the 21st century" and believes that other companies should follow this example.